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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
EQUARRIES
CENTRAL REGISTRY
File No. **F 2816/51**
Station **23/4/38**
Date **April 26, 1938**

Offer of a gratuity of \$50.00 per day in order to induce

corrupt practices amongst the Foreign and Japanese members of the S.M.P. on duty at the Garden Bridge.

Made by **S.I. Furness**

Forwarded by **J. Barry**

Sir,

I respectfully wish to bring to your notice confidentially the following:-

At 6.20 p.m. April 26, 1938, whilst on duty at the Garden Bridge I was approached by a Mr. W. H. Ferris, British, who intimated that he wished to have a confidential chat with me.

Mr. Ferris informed me that he would pay me a gratuity of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day if I would agree and arrange with the Japanese members of the S.M.P. on duty at the Garden Bridge for the free passage of his trucks over the Bridge with cargoes removed from the Northern Areas of the Settlement without the necessary permits from the Japanese Naval Authority.

I was given to understand that the \$50.00 would be for my own personal use should I agree to negotiate and that I would not be required to share this sum with the Japanese members of the S.M.P. whose demands would be given separate consideration if they agreed to co-operate in carrying out the scheme.

Mr. Ferris requested that I give the suggestion consideration and let him have my decision the following morning (April 27).

Mr. Ferris claims to be the Manager of a concern known as the Commercial Service Representatives, Room 502/3, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently

Sir,

I think this information should be given to the Japanese Authorities, as all our police wanted to be on the look out for this man. D.D.O. 'C'

S.I.

R. G. G. G.

C.P.

I interviewed Mr. Ferris in my office on April 26 & warned him that any further efforts of this nature would lead to serious consequences to himself.

D. C. (DIVISIONS)

Enclosure 11th April 1938
Recommendation by D.D.O.

D.O. 'C'

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.1 Special Branch.....

REPORT

Date January 4, 1937.

Subject....."Commercial Service Representatives," private enquiry agents.

Made by.....D.P.S. Henchman Forwarded by.....(Sgd.) G.N. Moore D.S.I.

With reference to the attached letter-head I have to state that the concern known as "Commercial Service Representatives" is a branch of the firm of "Kentwells" Law Offices, run by L.K. Kentwell (File I.O. 4101). This firm occupies the greater part of the 3rd floor at No. 505 Honan Road, the branch referred to above occupies one small room and is managed by W.H. Ferris, a British Eurasian, who, until recently, was employed as a representative by the Crown Life Insurance Company. Ferris is believed to have misappropriated certain funds entrusted to him on behalf of the insurance company and though he was not prosecuted, it is alleged that it was on this account that he was dismissed. Ferris, suffering from an internal complaint, is at present a patient in the General Hospital; his address is at 836 Avenue Joffre.

The staff of "Commercial Service Representatives" consists of Ferris and of Ferris alone. This rather inadequate personnel would seem to preclude the possibility of the firm being able to carry out the various kinds of commercial service which they list on their pretentious letter-head. Business is in fact very small and there is no reason to suppose that apart from L.K. Kentwell, the firm has other legal advisers.

Kentwell's staff consists of a Chinese lawyer, Tang Wei Chung, and six or seven Chinese clerks.

(Sgd.) D. Henchman.

D. P. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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**Non-Registered Britons
Fined By Magistrate**

In the British police court yesterday, Magistrate C. H. Haines fined Mr. William Hooper Ferris \$20 for ~~having failed to register~~ for ~~four years from 1934 to 1938~~ inclusive. Also appearing before Mr. Haines was William Alfrew Morgan who was also fined \$20 for having failed to register from 1934 to 1937 inclusive. Both were given two months in which to pay their fines. A warning was issued to British subjects who are not registered.

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